



Chapter 2 **A SENSE OF PLACE**

"We are what suns and winds and water make us."

— Walter Savage Landor

Recognize that

THE TULSA

DISTRICT DRAMA

plays out on an expanding and contracting stage with a dynamic and diverse cast. It is helpful, then, to sketch the basic parameters that shaped that staging arena.

The District's boundaries have changed over the years — now expanding in line with various national priorities — now contracting, but always centered over the state of Oklahoma.

In the main, since its 1945 marriage with the Denison District, the Tulsa District has included the central Arkansas River basin and the upper Red River basin: the state of Oklahoma, the southern half of Kansas, the northern fringe of Texas including the Panhandle, western Arkansas, and small portions of New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri.

But as Tulsa rounded the 50-year mark, its boundaries contracted to encompass only Oklahoma, southern Kansas, and the uppermost northern fringe of Texas, including the Texas Panhandle.

Is this the region,
this the soil, the clime
... that we must change
for Heaven?

— John Milton

